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January 17, 1995

The Board of Chosen Freeholders met in regular session in its office in the Administration Building, Belvidere, NJ on Tuesday, January 17, 1995 at 7:00 p.m.

The meeting was called to order by Freeholder Director Susan A. Dickey and upon roll call the following members were present: Freeholder Director Susan Dickey, Freeholder Ann Stone and Freeholder Kenneth Miller.

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was led by Director Dickey.

Director Dickey read the following statement: "ADEQUATE NOTICE OF THIS MEETING WAS GIVEN IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT BY FORWARDING A SCHEDULE OF REGULAR MEETINGS OF THE BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS TO THE WARREN COUNTY CLERK, THE STAR/GAZETTE, BLAIRSTOWN PRESS, THE NEWS, STAR-LEDGER AND THE EXPRESS-TIMES AND BY POSTING A COPY THEREOF ON THE BULLETIN BOARD IN THE OFFICE OF THE BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS. FORMAL ACTION MAY BE TAKEN BY THE BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS AT THIS MEETING. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION IS ENCOURAGED. IN ORDER TO ASSURE FULL PUBLIC PARTICIPATION, THOSE INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES WHO WISH TO ATTEND THE MEETING SHOULD SUBMIT ANY REQUESTS FOR SPECIAL ACCOMMODATION ONE WEEK IN ADVANCE".

RESOLUTION 36-95

On motion by Mrs. Stone, seconded by Mr. Miller, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held January 17, 1995.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE WARREN COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS TO HOLD AN EXECUTIVE SESSION ON JANUARY 17, 1995. THE GENERAL NATURE OF THE SUBJECT TO BE DISCUSSED INCLUDES ANTICIPATED LITIGATION. AND IT IS ANTICIPATED THAT THE ABOVE STATED SUBJECT MATTER WILL BE MADE PUBLIC AT SUCH TIME AS THE PUBLIC INTEREST PERMITS DISCLOSURE AND/OR WHEN A REQUEST IS MADE CONSISTENT WITH THE OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT AND WITH STATUTORY AND COMMON LAW "RIGHT TO KNOW" PROVISIONS

WHEREAS, Section 8 of the Open Public Meetings Act, Chapter 231, P.L. 1975, permits the exclusion of the public from a meeting in certain circumstances; and

WHEREAS, this public body is of the opinion that such circumstances presently exist, **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren in the State of New Jersey as follows:

1. The public shall be excluded from discussion of and action upon the hereinafter specified subject matter.
2. The general nature of the subject matter to be discussed is:
 1. Anticipated litigation.
3. It is anticipated that the above stated subject matter will be made public at such time as the public interest permits disclosure and/or when a request for disclosure is made consistent with the Open Public Meetings Act and with statutory and common law "right to know" provisions.

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4. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

I hereby certify the above to be a true copy of a resolution adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren on the date above mentioned.

s/Naomi J. Stout, Deputy Clerk

ROLL CALL: Mr. Miller: yes Mrs. Stone: yes Mrs. Dickey: yes

The board returned to open session at 7:45 p.m.
There were no minutes submitted for approval.

At approximately 7:45 p.m., a discussion was held regarding the Phillipsburg Library building project. Tom Carney, Library Director, and Jayne Hess, Director of the Phillipsburg Free Public Library.

The president of the Phillipsburg Library Commission spoke to the board and asked that they expend the monies allocated up to the \$180,000 so that the architect can continue. Mr. Houck said that there is \$90,000 in the 1995 budget and we have spent \$36,000 so far. They are requesting another resolution from the board to proceed with Phase II of the design.

Mr. Houck said that the capital improvement budget has not been approved yet. We would need a resolution for the difference between the \$36,000 and the \$90,000.

Mr. Miller said we should include enough for a 5% down-payment if the library gets to the point where it can go to bid this year. The money has to be available. Mrs. Dickey asked what the time frame is for the rest of the design. The architect said that they can start construction in the fall of 1995.

Freeholder Stone said that we have to start living within our means and we are now in a position where we have to make some strong decisions on the economy of Warren County. She is not in favor of going out for the 5% financing.

The costs will escalate if more delays happen. Mr. Dinger said that the county has lots of debt out there, can we afford to do this? However, it is possible that the county will be reimbursed from the state through the Essex agreement.

Mrs. Dickey asked if the federation agreement can be renegotiated this year and was told yes, in March. Mrs. Dickey said she would like to firm the agreement up. The county needs to be assured of our position. Mr. Noth said they have no problem with renegotiating.

Jayne Hess said that at the June 22, 1994 meeting between the Phillipsburg Town Council and the freeholders, both sides wanted the long term agreement.

Mrs. Dickey said that the board is agreeable to putting money out for the architectural design because this is a worthwhile project but they are not in favor of additional debt financing this year.

The library commission members left at 8:05 p.m.

At approximately 8:07 p.m., Jack Clegg, Information Systems Division Director, and Gene Makowski, Senior Programmer, gave a brief update on the ADP system.

Mr. Clegg said that the freeholder board voted to go out to bid for payroll and human resource package and ADP was the only one to respond. We signed the contract in late 1993 with a \$37,000 retainer. In late March 1994, the system kicked-off and after over 25 status meetings and some testings, there are still some problems that we need to resolve. We have approximately \$75,000 invested so far for our manpower time. We now have a human resource package on our system. There are nine modules implanted with three to go.

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Gene Makowski spoke to the board as the project leader. He wrote the current payroll system for Warren County. He advised the board that there are some problems as they have had nine trial runs and none of them have been accurate. The greatest concern is the split retro pay. Mr. Makowski gave a very detailed report of approximately eight pages of facts to the board for their review. He said that he has many areas of concern about this system.

Mr. Clegg outlined the following: (1) the time already spent (2) the money (\$37,000) expended in 1993 (3) it would involve \$10 - 20,000 to get modules for a new system plus the time to install it (4) cross-training was expected (5) contract issues to be addressed (6) how close to being on line? (7) course of action - reload the tapes and parallel the next payroll. Mr. Clegg said we are not locked into a one year contract.

Mrs. Dickey asked if the previous payroll system worked and Mr. Clegg said yes, there were the normal problems but NJIT said that our previous system was a well functioning system. Mrs. Dickey asked if the new system would ever work and Mr. Makowski said that it was started in March 1994 and is still not working.

Mr. Dinger said that back in 1990 NJIT informed the county that our payroll system was the best payroll system they had ever seen. ADP can never do the job that we are doing now.

Freeholder Dickey said she would like to discuss the contract in executive session and this would be place on the January 25th agenda for further discussion.

Gladys Blemmer asked how long it takes to put the data on the system compared to how long it will take ADP. The total time comparison is 11 hours of ADP time compared to 2 hours of county time.

The presentation ended at 8:40 p.m.

Bob DeGraff, Public Safety Director, and Ed Bruder, 9-1-1 Coordinator, spoke to the board at 8:41 p.m. regarding 9-1-1 costs.

Mr. Bruder pointed out that there is a clause in the Interlocal Service Agreements signed by each municipality which spells out that there is a six month estimated schedule in which the county has the right to adjust the schedule.

Mr. Wallace said there is nothing in the agreements that legally supports the mayor's requests. The references in the letters regarding constitutional concerns involve policy rather than legal concerns.

Several mayors and town representatives spoke to the board voicing their concerns about paying double for 9-1-1 service; Robert Moore of Hackettstown, Ron Gutek of Independence Township, Dick Collins of Harmony Township and Brad Day of Belvidere. They all felt that this is a matter of fairness and would like some help from the county to defray the costs. After some discussion, it was decided that Ed and Bob would bring back suggestions to the board.

RESOLUTION 37-95

On motion by Mrs. Stone, seconded by Mr. Miller, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held January 17, 1995.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE WARREN COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS TO HOLD AN EXECUTIVE SESSION ON JANUARY 17, 1995. THE GENERAL NATURE OF THE SUBJECT TO BE DISCUSSED INCLUDES COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT NEGOTIATIONS. AND IT IS ANTICIPATED THAT THE ABOVE STATED SUBJECT MATTER WILL BE MADE PUBLIC AT SUCH

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**TIME AS THE PUBLIC INTEREST PERMITS DISCLOSURE AND/OR WHEN
A REQUEST IS MADE CONSISTENT WITH THE OPEN PUBLIC
MEETINGS ACT AND WITH STATUTORY AND COMMON
LAW "RIGHT TO KNOW" PROVISIONS**

WHEREAS, Section 8 of the Open Public Meetings Act, Chapter 231, P.L. 1975, permits the exclusion of the public from a meeting in certain circumstances; and

WHEREAS, this public body is of the opinion that such circumstances presently exist, **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren in the State of New Jersey as follows:

1. The public shall be excluded from discussion of and action upon the hereinafter specified subject matter.
2. The general nature of the subject matter to be discussed is:
 1. Collective bargaining agreement negotiations.
3. It is anticipated that the above stated subject matter will be made public at such time as the public interest permits disclosure and/or when a request for disclosure is made consistent with the Open Public Meetings Act and with statutory and common law "right to know" provisions.
4. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

I hereby certify the above to be a true copy of a resolution adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren on the date above mentioned.

s/Naomi J. Stout, Deputy Clerk

ROLL CALL: Mr. Miller: yes Mrs. Stone: yes Mrs. Dickey: yes

The board took a five minute recess at 9:40 p.m.

The board went into executive session at 9:55 p.m.

The board returned to open session at 11:20 p.m.

Reggie Regrut asked for Dave Wallace's salary and was told to put his request in writing. Mr. Regrut said he would no longer be putting his requests in writing, requests will be made verbally only and he is taping this portion of the meeting.

RESOLUTION 38-95

On motion by Mrs. Stone, seconded by Mr. Miller, the following resolution was unanimously adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held January 17, 1995.

**RESOLUTION ADOPTING SCHEDULE OF ADDITIONAL REGULAR MEETINGS OF THE
BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS OF THE COUNTY OF WARREN TO BE HELD
IN VARIOUS HOST MUNICIPALITIES DURING THE YEAR 1995**

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 10:4-18 regarding the revision of a schedule of regular meetings, as follows:

1. The schedule of regular Board meetings adopted by Resolution on January 1, 1995 is hereby revised as stated below. The regular meetings stated below are added to the schedule of regular meetings previously adopted, and thus the previously adopted schedule shall continue in full force and effect except as specifically revised herein.

2. One (1) additional regular meeting shall be held on the first Wednesday of each month during the year 1995, commencing with the month of February. Each such additional regular meeting shall commence at 7:00 p.m., and shall be held at various host municipalities in Warren County at locations to be determined. The dates of such additional regular meetings

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are:

February 1, 1995
 March 1, 1995
 April 5, 1995
 May 3, 1995
 June 7, 1995
 July 5, 1995
 August 2, 1995
 September 6, 1995
 October 4, 1995
 November 1, 1995
 December 6, 1995

3. Within seven (7) days following the date of the adoption of this Resolution, a copy of this Resolution shall be posted, mailed and submitted in the same manner as the schedule of regular meetings adopted on January 1, 1995.

4. In accordance with N.J.S.A. 10:4-9 (a), adequate notice of each such additional regular meeting shall be provided to the public. As defined in N.J.S.A. 10:4-8 (d), adequate notice means written advance notice of at least 48 hours, giving the time, date, location and, to the extent known, the agenda, which notice shall accurately state whether formal action may or may not be taken and which shall be:

(a) prominently posted in at least one public place reserved for such or similar announcements;

(b) mailed, telephone, telegraphed, or hand delivered to at least two newspapers which newspapers shall be designated by the Board to receive such notices because they have the greatest likelihood of informing the public within Warren County of such meetings, one of which shall be the official newspaper designated by the Board;

(c) filed with the Warren County Clerk; and

(d) mailed to any persons who have filed requests for meeting notices pursuant to N.J.S.A. 10:4-19.

I hereby certify the above to be a true copy of a resolution adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren on the date above mentioned.

s/Naomi J. Stout, Deputy Clerk

ROLL CALL: Mr. Miller: yes Mrs. Stone: yes Mrs. Dickey: yes

RESOLUTION 39-95

On motion by Mrs. Stone, seconded by Mr. Miller, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held January 17, 1995.

**RESOLUTION TO APPOINT AN ALTERNATE MEMBER TO THE NORTH JERSEY
 TRANSPORTATION PLANNING AUTHORITY, INC. FOR THE YEAR 1995**

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that David K. Dech is hereby appointed as the alternate voting member representing the County of Warren to the North Jersey Transportation Planning Authority, Inc., at those meetings when Freeholder Director Susan A. Dickey is unable to attend during the year 1995.

I hereby certify the above to be a true copy of a resolution adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren on the date above mentioned.

s/Naomi J. Stout, Deputy Clerk

ROLL CALL: Mr. Miller: yes Mrs. Stone: yes Mrs. Dickey: yes

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On motion by Mrs. Stone, seconded by Mrs. Dickey, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held January 17, 1995.

RESOLUTION APPOINTING MEMBER TO THE WARREN COUNTY LIBRARY COMMISSION

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren that the following member is appointed to the Warren County Library Commission:

Edward Church

Term to expire: 12/31/98

45 Stonehenge Drive
Phillipsburg, NJ 08865

I hereby certify the above to be a true copy of a resolution adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren on the date above mentioned.

s/Naomi J. Stout, Deputy Clerk.

ROLL CALL: Mr. Miller: no Mrs. Stone: yes Mrs. Dickey: yes

RESOLUTION 41-95

On motion by Mrs. Stone, seconded by Mr. Miller, the following resolution was unanimously adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held January 17, 1995.

RESOLUTION APPOINTING GLADYS BLEMMER AS SEVENTH MEMBER OF WARREN COUNTY WELFARE BOARD AND DESIGNATING HER TERM

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 44:1-11 and N.J.S.A. 44:1-12.1, hereby appoints Gladys Blemmer, a citizen of Warren County, as the seventh member of the Warren County Welfare Board, with a term of four (4) years commencing January 17, 1995 and ending January 16, 1999.

I hereby certify the above to be a true copy of a resolution adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren on the date above mentioned.

s/Naomi J. Stout, Deputy Clerk

ROLL CALL: Mr. Miller: yes Mrs. Stone: yes Mrs. Dickey: yes

RESOLUTION 42-95

On motion by Mrs. Stone, seconded by Mr. Miller, the following resolution was unanimously adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held January 17, 1995.

RESOLUTION CORRECTING THE RESOLUTION OF JANUARY 11, 1995 APPOINTING CHRISTOPHER PESSOLANO AS WARREN COUNTY PURCHASING AGENT, UNCLASSIFIED, FOR A THREE YEAR TERM

WHEREAS, by resolution adopted on January 11, 1995, the Warren County Board of Chosen Freeholders appointed Christopher Pessolano to a three year term as Warren County Purchasing Agent; and

WHEREAS, said resolution incorrectly stated the commencing and expiration dates of the three year term;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Warren County Board of Chosen Freeholders that the appointment of Christopher Pessolano is corrected to refer to a three year term effective January 12, 1995 and expiring January 11, 1998; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that except as herein corrected, the appointment of

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January 11, 1995 shall remain in full force and effect.

I hereby certify the above to be a true copy of a resolution adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren on the date above mentioned.

s/Naomi J. Stout, Deputy Clerk

ROLL CALL: Mr. Miller: yes Mrs. Stone: yes Mrs. Dickey: yes

County Counsel David Wallace said that he needs Henry Dinger to sign his agreement.

Acting County Administrator Henry Dinger advised the board that they need to set up a schedule for interviews for the position of county administrator. If they need to look at the position first, they should do so.

Under freeholder comments, Mrs. Dickey asked that letters be sent to each municipality advising them about the newly scheduled freeholder meetings to be held the first Wednesday of each month. They should then call our office to schedule their meetings.

RESOLUTION 43-95

On motion by Mrs. Stone, seconded by Mr. Miller, the following resolution was unanimously adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held January 17, 1995.

RESOLUTION TO PAY BILLS

BE AND IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that the Master Voucher Certificate for Certification for Payment No. 95-1 dated January 17, 1995 in the amount of \$2,212,844.39 including bills and investments, is approved subject to the review of the vouchers by the Board of Chosen Freeholders.

95-1	1,252,113.79
Payroll 1-5-95	<u>960,730.60</u>
TOTAL	\$2,212,844.39

I hereby certify the above to be a true copy of a resolution adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren on the date above mentioned.

s/Naomi J. Stout, Deputy Clerk

ROLL CALL: Mr. Miller: yes Mrs. Stone: yes Mrs. Dickey: yes

Under closing comments, Reggie Regrut said he was happy to see Henry Dinger serving as county administrator.

On motion by Mrs. Stone, seconded by Mr. Miller, and there being no further official business to come before the board at this time, the meeting was adjourned at 12:05 a.m.

ROLL CALL: Mr. Miller: yes Mrs. Stone: yes Mrs. Dickey: yes

ATTESTED TO:

Naomi J. Stout, Deputy Clerk